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FOLLOWING SENT BUENOS AIRES INFO BRASILIA GENEVA FROM SECSTATE
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SUBJECT: COUNTERVAILING DUTY PROCEEDINGS: ARGENTINE FOOT-
WEAR

REF: STATE 233376, 11/28/73; BUENOS AIRES 8820, 5/12/73

1. ARGENTINEECONOMIC MINISTER CARLOS BOCHERT AND COMMER-
CIAL COUNSELOR CARLOS FASCILOLO CALLED ON TREASURY DEPUTY
ASSISTANT SECRETARY MARKS AT MARKS' REQUEST TO DISCUSS
COMPLAINT RECEIVED FROM U.S. FOOTWEAR INDUSTRY THAT NON-
RUBBER FOOTWEAR FROM ARGENTINA BENEFITS FROM GOVERNMENT
SUBSIDIES AND THAT SUCH SUBSIDIES CONSTITUTE A BOUNTY OR
GRANT WITHIN MEANING OF U.S. COUNTERVAILING DUTY STATUTE.

2. MARKS POINTED OUT THAT U.S. COMPLAINANT, THE AMERICAN
FOOTWEAR INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION, HAD RECENTLY FILED SUIT
IN FEDERAL DISTRICT COURT SEEKING A WRIT OF MANDAMUS TO
COMPEL TREASURY TO TAKE ACTION ON FOOTWEAR CASES. JUSTICE
DEPARTMENT MUST FILE ANSWER WITHIN 60 DAYS OF DATE UPON
WHICH COMPLAINT WAS FILED (APRIL 19, 1974). JUDICIAL

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CONSIDERATION WOULD FOCUS ON PROGRESS THAT TREASURY

MAKES IN RESOLVING COUNTERVAILING DUTY COMPLAINTS.

3. MARKS EMPHASIZED URGENCY OF INITIATING INFORMAL INQUIRIES AND PROPOSED SENDING A FACT-FINDING TEAM TO ARGENTINA CONSISTING OF A CUSTOMS OFFICER AND TREASURY OFFICIAL. PURPOSE OF VISIT WOULD BE TO DEVELOP ALL RELEVANT INFORMATION RELATING TO SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ALLEGED IN COMPLAINT.

4. MARKS PROPOSED SENDING TEAM MAY 20, BUT EMBOFF INDICATED THAT MAY 20 TOO SOON FOR SUCH A VISIT. MARKS REITERATED NEED TO SEND TEAM AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. EMBOFFS AGREED TO CONTACT GOVERNMENT FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE DATE AND TO NOTIFY MARKS OF DATE BY END OF WEEK. RUSH UNQUOTE RUSH

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